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In re Patent Application of: Kensuke ITAKURA et al.

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For: POWDERS, FLAKES, OR PELLETS

CONTAINING SALTS OF α-SULFO FATTY ACID ALKYL ESTERS IN HIGH CONCENTRATIONS, PROCESS FOR PRODUCTION THEREOF, GRANULATED DETERGENTS, AND PROCESS FOR

PRODUCTION THEREOF

## AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated February 6, 2009, finally rejecting claims 1-3, 11, 16 and 18, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

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